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SUBJ: NEW PEKING HOTELS

1. AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF AN UNPRECEDENTED SHORTAGE OF
COMFORTABLE HOTEL ROOMS AND A RESULTING SCRAMBLE FOR ROOMS
IN THE PEKING HOTEL, WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY MR. YUEH TAI-HENG,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CHINA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE,
THAT WORK ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF A NEW PEKING HOTEL HAS BEGUN.
YUEH SAID THE HOTEL WILL BE TWICE THE SIZE OF THE PRESENT
PEKING HOTEL AND WILL BE LOCATED NORTH OF THE PEKING
RAILWAY STATION. COMPLETION IS SCHEDULED FOR 1980.

2. A VISITING CHINESE-AMERICAN TELLS US THAT THE CHIEN MEN
HOTEL, WHERE MANY AMERICANS ARE NOW STAYING, IS BEING
RENOVATED FLOOR BY FLOOR AND IS TO BECOME A FIRST CLASS HOTEL
BY 1980. IT IS FAR FROM THAT NOW.

3. PEKING HOTEL STAFF HAVE TOLD US BUSINESSMEN THAT
RENOVATION OF THE OLD WING, INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF AIR
CONDITIONING, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY OCTOBER 1.
(COMMENT: WORK ON THE OLD WING HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR
MONTHS, BUT OUTWARD APPEARANCES SUGGEST THAT THE OCTOBER 1
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